



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Construction Project Management Industry Day

November 15-16, 2011





Opening Welcome and Call to Order

Welcome



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Administrative Overview





Agenda

Topic	Presenter	Time
Registration Opens		8:00 am – 8:45 am
Welcome		8:45 am – 9:00 am
Administrative Overview	John Knapp (MITRE)	9:00 am – 9:10 am
CPM Updated	Mr. Dennis Milsten	9:10 am – 9:30 am
Contracting Update	Ms. Debra Clayton	9:30 am – 10:00 am
Break		10:00 am – 10:30 am
Start of One-on-one Sessions		10:30 am



Administrative Matters

- **Please set all phones and Blackberries to vibrate**
- **If you must take a call — please do so outside the auditorium**
- **No side bar conversations between the Government and the vendor community**
- **Lots of one-on-one conversations amongst the vendor community**



Administrative Matters

MITRE Facilities

- Visitor access to facility is restricted - please stay with an escort
- Please turn in Visitor badge to Security desk before leaving
 - If going out during lunch, leave your badge at the Security desk and retrieve it on your return
- Cafeteria located around the corner from auditorium – escort required
- Phones provided outside back of auditorium on right side
- Restrooms located off front/back of auditorium



FFRDC and MITRE Background

What is an FFRDC?

FAR 35.017(a)(2)

- An FFRDC meets some special long-term research or development need which cannot be met as effectively by existing in-house or contractor resources.
- FFRDC's enable agencies to use private sector resources to accomplish tasks that are integral to the mission and operation of the sponsoring agency.
- An FFRDC, in order to discharge its responsibilities to the sponsoring agency, has access, beyond that which is common to the normal contractual relationship, to Government and supplier data, including sensitive and proprietary data, and to employees and installations equipment and real property.
- The FFRDC is required to conduct its business in a manner befitting its special relationship with the Government, to operate in the public interest with objectivity and independence, to be free from organizational conflicts of interest, and to have full disclosure of its affairs to the sponsoring agency.
- It is not the Government's intent that an FFRDC use its privileged information or access to installations equipment and real property to compete with the private sector.

Key Points

- ➔ • Meets a long-term special development need that cannot be met as effectively by existing in-house or contractor resources
- ➔ • Private sector resources used to accomplish tasks that are integral to the mission and operation of the sponsoring agency
- ➔ • Has access to sensitive & proprietary data, employees, and facilities in helping carry out VA's mission
- ➔ • Operates in the public interest
 - Ensures objectivity and independence
 - Free of organizational conflicts of interest
 - Full disclosure
- ➔ • Prohibited from competing with domestic private industry (not-for-profit)



Distinguishing Attributes of FFRDC Support

- Helps government meet long-term, complex mission needs in ways that cannot be met as fully or as effectively with in-house resources
- Supports the government in its public interest missions with objectivity and independence because of its unique institutional characteristics:
 - Access to Government and private sector data, both sensitive and proprietary, and to Government employees and facilities, beyond what is possible in normal contractual relationships
 - Long-term technical, analytical, and subject matter support free from conflicts of interest associated with market pressures and profit-related incentives
 - Timely integration of disciplines and specialties too broad and complex to acquire through individual commercial contractors
 - Through long-term relationship, unparalleled operational knowledge, institutional memory, relevant state-of-the-art expertise, and historical perspective on government issues
- Responds quickly to government needs due to its long-term relationship, continuing familiarity with government issues and problems, and possession of the full range of needed expertise



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Mr. Dennis Milsten

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VA Mission

To fulfill President Lincoln's promise, "To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan" by serving and honoring the men and women who are America's veterans.



About VA

- VA is the 2nd largest federal agency
- In 2007
 - Budget of \$86B
 - Approximately 230K employees
 - Service to Veterans
 - 5.6M in VA's health care system
 - 3.7M provided in compensation, pensions, benefits and services
 - Maintain more than 2.8M gravesites at 158 properties



VA Programs

➤ **Veterans Health Administration (VHA)**

- VA operates the largest direct health care system in America
- 156 hospitals, 877 outpatient clinics, 136 nursing homes, 43 residential rehabilitation treatment programs and 207 readjustment counseling centers

➤ **Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)**

- Provides services through approximately 57 veteran's benefits regional offices

➤ **National Cemetery Administration (NCA)**

- Honors veterans with final resting places to commemorate their service to the nation
- 125 National Cemeteries and 33 other cemetery installations



Purpose of Industry Day

- Debra Clayton, Contracting Officer
- Market Research
- Informational Purposes
- Does not commit the Government
- No open market items
- Not an RFP, Anticipate posting RFP by FY 12, Q2